

Rapid Assessment of the Birds of the Southern Headwaters of the Río Caroní, in the drainage areas of the rivers Uairén, Uaiparú and Surucún.

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The orography of SE Venezuela has fascinated ornithologists for decades. The presence of the "Tepuis", with flat summits and vertical walls and montane forest in the talud slopes, has led to many hypotheses about the origins of the Pantepui avifauna. Located within the Guianan Shield, SE Venezuela is probably one of the richest regions of the country with more than 745 species of birds (Ascanio, *in prep.*).

This bird assessment focused on the little known region of the southern headwaters of the River Caroní comprising the drainage areas of the Rivers Uairen, Surucún, Uaiparú and Icabarú. The first ornithological expedition dates back to 1949, when Manuel Castro collected in the upper Río Icabarú with the *Colección Ornitológica Phelps*. Then, in 1984 Miguel Lentino (with the *Museo de Historia Natural La Salle*) collected along the road to Icabarú. No further ornithological research has been done.

The new dirt roads accessing several indian communities have provided an easier way to reach areas previously accessible only on foot. Nevertheless, the classic forest degradation following construction of these roads is causing an alarming process of "sabanization", with unpredictable consequences for the birdlife.

This report gives daily activities and details the bird species observed in the various locations.

DAILY INFORMATION.

After a long journey to reach the Maiquetía airport from Caracas (2,5 hours due to the bridge problems), on Jan 9th I took the flight to Puerto Ordaz, where at 08:30PM I boarded the bus to Santa Elena de Uairén, close to the Venezuela-Brazil border. An all night ride (with bus breakdown near the Sierra de Lema) put me in Santa Elena at 08:00AM on Jan 10th. There I was met by Tony and Rita Crease, who have been collecting data in this part of the country for about 9 years. Tony has just submitted a manuscript with range and altitudinal extensions of about 80 species, mostly near the community of El Paují, where they live. After some last minute shopping we headed towards El Paují, and after a few stops along the road we arrived at about 02:00PM. I spent a good part of the afternoon catching up with the lack of sleep from the previous night and at 04:30PM we had a meeting to discuss some of the range extensions he has found. Marco, Rita's son, provided dinner and accommodation in his posada next door.

04:45AM was the meeting time on Jan. 11th. After a quick pre-breakfast we headed for the road to Uaiparú, arriving there at about 05:40AM. On the road we flushed a

small *Caprimulgidae* which I thought could have been a Roraiman Nightjar. I played back the song and just when we thought we had failed (and started up the vehicle) we saw what I am confident was this rare and little-known bird right in front of us. Unfortunately we flushed it—again and all I could see was the distinctive short tail with the prominent white spots in the outer tail feathers. Most of the morning was spent birding along the road. At about 10:30AM we started walking a trail in the Uaiparú valley, where I heard, and we subsequently saw, the Black-chested Tyrant, a range extension of some 480km. We arrived back at El Paují at 3:30PM where I enjoyed my first shower after leaving Caracas. After some heavy rain, we met at 4:50PM to discuss bird taxonomy and the plans for tomorrow. Today we worked on elevations between 650- 900m. Main habitats were Tropical humid forest with many patches of secondary growth and Scrub.

On Jan 12th, we met again at 04:45AM, to have breakfast and drive just S of the El Pauji airstrip to look for the Giant Snipe. We did indeed hear and record some but never saw or heard one flying. At about 06:10 we returned to pick up Rita and drove 3 km to the Amaribá trail (in the Independencia valley) where we explored for the whole morning. At about 1:00PM we returned to El Paují and walked to a nearby small peak (Hilda's peak) to search for the Stygian Owl. We found the pair at the edge of sandy scrub. The rest of the afternoon was spent in the vicinity of the village. At nightfall we returned to the Giant Snipe site. Today, we worked on elevations between 950-950m. Main habitats were Premontane Humid forest (remnants) on sandy soil, forest edge, secondary growth and scrub.

Jan 13th, breakfast again at 04:45AM. Departed at 05:00AM towards the Cinco Ranchos valley (a tributary of the Uaiparú river), where we searched for birds until 09:30AM. Later we visited two mining trails (one near the Cinco Ranchos river) without much success. Returned for lunch at 12:00M.

Jan 14th. We left at 04:35AM for the Uaiparú road again. We scouted the area until 11:00AM and then drove back to Santa Elena de Uairen for my bus ride back to Puerto Ordaz and flight to Caracas.

SPECIES LIST

Tinamidae

Little Tinamou *Crypturellus soui*. 1 H Jan 10 along the road. 1 H Jan 11 near Uaiparú river. 1 H Jan 12. 1 crossing the road in Cinco Ranchos on Jan 13. 2 alongside the Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Variegated Tinamou *Crypturellus variegatus*. 1 heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Cathartidae

King Vulture *Sarcoramphus papa*. Pair flying in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*. Some seen Jan 10. Few on Jan 11. Some at the entrance of the trail Jan 12. Several in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Few in Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*. 2 resident race Jan 10 along the road to El Paují. Distant in Jan 12. One or two in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. One Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes melambrotus*. Some flying over the forest Jan 10. 2 Scoped on Jan 11.

Accipitridae

Gray-headed Kite *Leptodon cayanensis*. Pair flying over Amaribá trail Jan 12.

Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus*. 1 along the Uaiparú road Jan 11 on top of a tree.

Pearl Kite *Gampsonyx swainsonii*. 1 spotted by Rita in the savannas E of El Paují.

Double-toothed Kite *Harpagus bidentatus*. 1 along the road to El Paují Jan 10. 1 female perched in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea*. Couple in Uaiparú road. Pair in Amaribá trail Jan 12.

Gray Hawk *Buteo nitidus nitidus*. 1 along the road to El Paují Jan 10.

White-tailed Hawk *Buteo albicaudatus*. 1 near the Santa Elena airport in pale morph Jan 10. 1 soaring over Hilda's peak Jan 12.

Falconidae

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans*. 1 heard in Uaiparú road Jan 11. Two heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*. 1 along the road near Santa Elena Jan 10.

Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis ruficularis*. 1 Jan 11.

Cracidae

Little Chachalaca *Ortalis motmot*. Heard Uaiparú road Jan 11. Group chased at Tony's backyard Jan 12. Heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Several heard and seen Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Rallidae

Ash-throated Crake *Porzana albicollis*. Heard in the "lagoon" just E of the Crease's house.

Ocellated Crake *Micropygia schomburgkii*. Pair heard on Amaribá trail Jan 12.

Giant Snipe *Gallinago undulata*. Heard S of the airstrip Jan 12. Mostly heard the ground call (sex? Tony believes should be the female) and only three times the flying (display) call. Started calling at 05:27AM and sunrise was at 06:17AM (according to GPS). Tony believes the three-quarter waxing moon would have produced a lot of activity during the night which would explain the limited activity at daybreak.

Columbidae

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*. Few in Salto Catedral parking area on Jan 10, 11.

Scaled Pigeon *Columba speciosa*. Several seen and heard in Uaiparú road Jan 11. Pair seen and heard in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Various perched atop dead branches in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Common voice in Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Ruddy Pigeon *Columba subvinacea*. One flying and another heard in Uaiparú road Jan 11. Seen well and common voice in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Several heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Seen and heard Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Blue Ground-Dove *Claravis pretiosa*. Relatively common and more easily observed than elsewhere in Venezuela. 1 male at forest edge on Jan 10 along the road. Another male on Uaiparú road on Jan 11.

Gray-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla*. Heard Uaiparú road Jan 11. 1 individual heard Uaiparú trail Jan 14th.

Psittacidae

Red-and-green Macaw *Ara chloroptera*. Heard at Uaiparú trail. Pair on Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Red-shouldered Macaw *Diopsittaca nobilis*. Several flying by along the road Jan 10. A group on Hilda's peak Jan 12. Group flying in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Brown-throated Parakeet *Aratinga pertinax*. 3 seen near El Paují. Unknown race with prominent yellowish eyering. A group flying over Tony's house afternoon Jan 12.

Fiery-shouldered Parakeet *Pyrrhura egregia*. A couple of flocks along the road Jan 10.
One flock Uaiparú road Jan 11. Heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.
Black-headed Parrot *Pionites melanocephala*. Group of six flying in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Another 6 on Uaiparú road Jan 14th.
Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus*. Various at Uaiparú road Jan 11. Few flying in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Several flying and perched Uaiparú road Jan 14th.
Orange-winged Parrot *Amazona amazonica*. Pair flying Uaiparú road Jan 11. Few flying and 4 seen perched in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Fly by in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Flying Uaiparú road Jan 14th.
Mealy Parrot *Amazona farinosa*. Pair heard by David distant in Amaribá trail Jan 12.
Red-fan Parrot *Derophtus accipitrinus*. Pair heard in Amaribá trail Jan 12.

Cuculidae

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*. 1 heard Uaiparú road Jan 11. 1 ind in the scrub in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. One Uaiparú road Jan 14th.
Little Cuckoo *Piaya minuta*. 1 heard in Uaiparú trail Jan 11. One individual heard Uaiparú trail Jan 14th.
Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*. Few heard along the road Jan 10,.
Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia*. 1 heard 30 km W of SE Uairén Jan 10. 1 heard in Tony's backyard Jan 12.

Strigidae

Stygian Owl *Asio stygius* Pair in Hilda's peak at noon Jan 12. First seen at this location by Tony on Feb 23, 2005 . He has previous records also a little further S on El Abismo (9 sightings in total).

Caprimulgidae

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*. 3 ind along the road towards Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.
Blackish Nightjar *Caprimulgus nigrescens*. Three ind at dawn along the Uaiparú road Jan 14th. One recorded at about 06:00AM.
Roraiman Nightjar *Caprimulgus whitelyi*. 1 flushed (this species?) on the Uaiparú road at 05:45AM Jan 11.
White-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus cayennensis*. 1 flushed at the entrance of the Uaiparú road Jan 11. 1 flushed along the road towards Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Several flushed along the main road to Uaiparú Jan 14th.

Apodidae

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris*. Several flying over the Uaiparú road Jan 14th.
Tepui Swift *Cypseloides phelpsi*. Several after a short rainfall near Santa Lucia (entrance to Betania) Jan 10.
Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyura*. 1 with C.phelpsi in Santa Lucia Jan 10.
Neotropical Palm-Swift *Tachornis squamata*. Several along the main road Jan 10 and 11. 1 in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Some along Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Trochilidae

Eastern Long-tailed Hermit *Phaethornis superciliosus*. 1 Uaiparú trail Jan 11. I heard on lek in Amaribá trail Jan 12.
Sooty-capped Hermit *Phaethornis augusti*. 1 Tony's house Jan 11. One in Tony's backyard Jan 12.
Reddish Hermit *Phaethornis ruber*, Some in Amaribá trail Jan 12. 1 in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Gray-breasted Sabrewing *Campylopterus largipennis*. One at the edge of the Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora*. 1 adult in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis*. A female in Tony's backyard Jan 12.

Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thalurania furcata*. 1 female Uaiparú trail Jan 11. 1 in Amaribá trail Jan 12. One female in Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

White-chinned Sapphire *Hylocharis cyanus*. 1 Uaiparú road singing Jan 11. 1 heard in the mining trail in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. One singing Uaiparú trail Jan 14th.

Versicolored Emerald *Amazilia versicolor*. 1 individual atop a distant tree in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Glittering-throated Emerald *Amazilia fimbriata*. Common at Tony's house. 1 in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Black-eared Fairy *Heliothryx aurita*. 1 in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Long-billed Starthroat *Heliomaster longirostris*. 1 Uaiparú trail Jan 11.

Trogonidae

Amazonian White-tailed Trogon *Trogon viridis*. Heard in Uaiparú trail. Several ind in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. One heard Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Momotidae

Blue-crowned Motmot *Momotus momota*. Heard several times in Uaiparú road and trail Jan 11. Heard at dawn on Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Galbulidae

Brown Jacamar *Brachygalba lugubris*. Pair along the road Jan 10. Pair again between Cinco Ranchos and El Pauji Jan 13.

Paradise Jacamar *Galbula dea*. Pair in Amaribá trail Jan 12.

Bucconidae

Pied Puffbird *Notharchus tectus*. Three to four on Uaiparú road Jan 11. One along the Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Black Nunbird *Monasa atra*. Seen by Rita and Tony on Uaiparú road Jan 11.

Swallow-winged Puffbird *Chelidoptera tenebrosa*. Several. Widespread. Singing in Uaiparú trail entrance. Various in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Several Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Ramphastidae

Gilded Barbet *Capito auratus*. Heard and seen in Uaiparú road Jan 11. Heard in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Pair in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. One heard Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Many-banded Aracari *Pteroglossus pluricinctus*. Various road Jan 10. Recorded Jan 11 Uaiparú road. Pair in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Some at the Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Ivory-billed Aracari *Pteroglossus azara* Several on Uaiparú road Jan 11.

Green Aracari *Pteroglossus viridis*. Few Uaiparú road Jan 11. Group at the Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus*. Uaiparú road Jan 11. Various Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

White-throated Toucan *Ramphastos tucanus*. Uaiparú road Jan 11. One singing in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Some Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Picidae

Golden-spangled Piculet *Picumnus exilis*. Heard on Uaiparú road Jan 11.

Golden-Olive Woodpecker *Piculus rubiginosus*. Tony's garden. One individual Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Yellow-throated Woodpecker *Piculus flavigula*. Heard Uaiparú road Jan 11. Heard in Amaribá trail Jan 12.

Scale-breasted Woodpecker *Celeus grammicus*. Heard Uaiparú road Jan 11. Heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Heard and seen by Rita Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*. Uaiparú road Jan 11. Pair in Amaribá trail Jan 12 with pair of Crimson-crested Woodpecker. One at dawn Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus*. Common and widespread.

Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos*. 1 by Rita on Uaiparú road Jan 11. Pair (see above) in Amaribá trail Jan 12.

Red-necked Woodpecker *Campephilus rubricollis*. 1 by Rita in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Furnariidae

Pale-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albescens*. Common in Tony's house Jan 12.

Plain-crowned Spinetail *Synallaxis gujanensis*. Heard in Uaiparú road Jan 11. Recorded Uaiparú trail Jan 14th.

Ruddy Foliage-Gleaner *Automolus rubiginosus*. A pair in Uaiparú trail. Recorded. Jan 11.

Dendrocolaptidae

Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa*. 1 in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus*. Various in Amaribá trail Jan 12.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus*. Heard 30 km W of SE Uairén Jan 10.

Lineated Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*. 2 individuals in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Thamnophilidae

Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus lineatus*. 1 male in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Heard Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Great Antshrike *Taraba major*. Uaiparú road Jan 11. One male singing at dawn Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus*. Tony's garden Jan 11.

White-shouldered Antshrike *Thamnophilus aethiops*. One young male and other heard on Uaiparú road Jan 11.

Mouse-colored Antshrike *Thamnophilus murinus*. Heard in Amaribá trail Jan 12.

Guianan Slaty-Antshrike *Thamnophilus punctatus*. Heard in Tony's house Jan 11. 1 male with a feeding flock in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

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Stipple-throated Antwren *Myrmotherula haematonota*. 1 female in Uaiparú road Jan 11.

Ash-winged Antwren *Terenura spodioptila*. Pair (male and female) with feeding flock in Amaribá trail Jan 12. 2 ind with a feeding flock in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Gray Antbird *Cercomacra cinerascens*. 1 on top of secondary scrub Uaiparú road Jan 11. Heard and seen by Rita Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Dusky Antbird *Cercomacra tyrannina*. Several heard Uaiparú road. Common voice at dawn Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Black-faced Antbird *Myrmoborus myotherinus*. Common voice and seen well in Uaiparú road Jan 11. Heard once Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Warbling Antbird *Hypocnemis cantator*. Pair seen in Amaribá trail Jan 12, race *flavescens*. Heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Common voice at dawn Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Spot-backed Antbird *Hylophylax naevia*. Heard Uaiparú trail Jan 14th.
Scale-backed Antbird *Hylophylax poecilinota*. Male heard in Amaribá trail Jan 12.
Black-throated Antbird *Myrmeciza atrothorax*. Various heard road Jan 10. Heard a couple of times Jan 11. Heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Formicariidae

Rufous-capped Antthrush *Formicarius colma*. Seen well in Uaiparú trail Jan 11. Heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Tyrannidae

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseiceps*. Common in Uaiparú road Jan 11. Common voice in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Pair singing atop a tree in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Common voice in Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Slender-footed Tyrannulet *Zimmerius gracilipes*. 1 seen well and recorded Uaiparú road Jan 11. Two individuals seen, common voice in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Heard (dawn call) Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus*. Heard in main road near El Paují Jan 11. Pair in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Forest Elaenia *Myiopagis gaimardii*. Heard twice in Uaiparú road Jan 11. Two in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster*. Several heard along the road Jan 10. Tony's garden on Jan 11. Heard in Tony's garden Jan 12.

Lesser Elaenia *Elaenia chiriquensis*. Few in Uaiparú road in scrubby vegetation Jan 11. One at Tony's backyard Jan 12. One (this species?) in the forest edge in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Plain-crested Elaenia *Elaenia cristata*. Various in Hilda's peak Jan 12.

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*. 1 heard (lek?) Uaiparú trail Jan 14th.

Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant *Lophotriccus galeatus*. Heard twice in Uaiparú trail Jan 11. Heard in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Heard Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Black-chested Tyrant *Taeniotriccus andrei*. The surprise of the trip. Found by David after hearing a male singing in Uaiparú trail.

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*. Tony's garden Jan 10.

Painted Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum pictum*. 3 ind on Uaiparú road. Jan 11. Heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Heard Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Zimmer's Flatbill *Tolmomyias assimilis*. Pair heard in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Heard twice in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Gray-crowned Flatbill *Tolmomyias poliocephalus*. 1 heard in Uaiparú road Jan 11. Heard in Amaribá trail Jan 12. One in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Heard Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Bran-colored Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus*. Tony's garden. Voice similar to long trill of *M.ferox*. Jan 10. Common voice in Tony's backyard.

Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus*. Various sights Jan. 10 and 11. One Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus*. Heard Uaiparú road Jan 11. Heard in Amaribá trail Jan 12. 1 heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Heard at dawn Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer*. Three ind vocalizing Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*. 1 heard in Tony's backyard Jan 12.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis*. Uaiparú trail. A pair. Jan 11. Heard in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Pair Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Dusky-chested Flycatcher *Myiozetetes luteiventris*. 1 individual in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Yellow-throated Flycatcher *Conopias parva*. 2 pairs in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.
Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus*. Couple of ind in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.
Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus*. Several in Uaiparú road Jan 11. 3 ind in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13 (chasing a pair of Chestnut-crowned Becard attempting to nest?).
Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*. Various along the road Jan 10. One El Pauj'i entrance Jan 12.
Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana*. 1 seen by Tony along the road Jan 10. 1 along the road to SE Uairén.
Thrush-like Schiffornis *Schiffornis turdinus*. Heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.
Wing-barred Piprites *Piprites chloris*. Heard in Uaiparú road Jan 11.
Screaming Piha *Lipaugus vociferans*. Heard in Uaiparú road Jan 11. Heard in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Many heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Heard Uaiparú road Jan 14th.
Chestnut-crowned Becard *Pachyramphus castaneus*. Pair attempting to nest? in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.
Black-tailed Tityra *Tityra cayana*. Seen daily.

Cotingidae

Dusky Purple-tuft *Iodopleura fusca*. 2 individuals at 10:00AM in the E trail in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.
Spangled Cotinga *Cotinga cayana*. 1 female in Uaiparú road Jan 11. 1 male in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Male and female in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Male along the Uaiparú road Jan 14th.
Pompadour Cotinga *Xipholena punicea*. Two males in Uaiparú road Jan 11. At least 4 males and two females in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.
Bearded Bellbird *Procnias averano*. Male singing in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.
White Bellbird *Procnias alba*. Heard along the road Jan 10. Heard on Uaiparú road Jan 11. Adult male and subadult male in the same tree (the latter singing while the former observed it) on Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Pipridae

White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus*. Heard in Uaiparú trail Jan 11. Heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Large lek in Uaiparú trail Jan 14th.
Golden-headed Manakin *Pipra erythrocephala*. Several in Uaiparú road Jan 11. Pair in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Heard Uaiparú trail Jan 14th.
Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin *Tyrannutes stolzmanni*. Common in Uaiparú trail Jan 11. 1 seen well and many heard in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Common in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Heard in Uaiparú trail Jan 14th.

Vireonidae

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*. Heard on road Jan 10. Heard on Jan 11. One seen in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Heard along the Uaiparú road Jan 14th.
Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo *Vireolanius leucotis*. Heard in Uaiparú trail Jan 11. Heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.
Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*. 1 ind (race?) in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.
Buff-cheeked Greenlet *Hylophilus muscicapinus*. Pair with canopy feeding flock in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Pair in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Corvidae

Cayenne Jay *Cyanocorax cayanus*. 2 seen moving with Red-rumped Cacique group across the Cinco Ranchos river on Jan 13.

Hirundinidae

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*. Several along the road Jan 10. Various in scrub in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*. Rita saw in their garden Jan 11 and Jan 12.

White-thighed Swallow *Neochelidon tibialis*. Several in Uaiparú road Jan 11. 2 over the forest in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Three ind flying over Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*. Few in the main road, passed half way towards El Paují Jan 10. Hilda's peak Jan 12. 1 in the scrub in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Some along the main road to SE Uairén.

Troglodytidae

Coraya Wren *Thryothorus coraya*. Pair in Uaiparú trail. Race caurensis. Jan 11. Pair race caurensis in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Heard at dawn Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*. 1 Uaiparú trail Jan 11. Tony's garden Jan 12.

Wing-banded Wren *Microcerculus bambla*. 1 in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Heard once Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Poliophtilidae

Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus*. Few heard in Uaiparú road and one seen in Uaiparú trail Jan 11. Common voice in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Common voice in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Common voice along Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Turdidae

Bare-eyed Thrush *Turdus nudigenis*. 1 individual in a Conuco near Santa Elena, where the paved road ends, Jan 10.

Black-billed Thrush *Turdus ignobilis*. Tony's backyard - common species. One in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis*. 1 heard at dawn in Uaiparú road Jan 11. Heard Uaiparú trail Jan 14th.

Mimidae

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus*. Seen along the road Jan 10, 11. common in El Paují. Several near SE Uairén.

Parulidae

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla*. A male in winter plumage in Amaribá trail Jan 12.

Blackpoll Warbler *Dendroica striata*. 1 individual in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Riverside Warbler *Basileuterus rivularis*. Heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Heard Uaiparú trail Jan 14th.

Thraupidae

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*. heard on Uaiparú road Jan 11.

Black-faced Tanager *Schistochlamys melanopis*. Two family group on Uaiparú road Jan 11.

Maggie Tanager *Cissopis leveriana*. 1 along Uaiparú road Jan 11. Pair in conuco in Uaiparú trail Jan 14th.

Guira Tanager *Hemithraupis guira*. 1 female in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Yellow-backed Tanager *Hemithraupis flavicollis*. Large group in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus*. Pair in Uaiparú road Jan 11.

Flame-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus cristatus*. Young male on main road Jan 10. Male and female in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Red-shouldered Tanager *Tachyphonus phoenicius*. 1 male by Rita Crease in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*. 1 male in Uaiparú road Jan 11. Female in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo*. Several Jan 10, 11. Several in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Common Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*. Tony's garden and most locations Jan 10,11,12, 13, 14.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*. Common and widespread.

Violaceous Euphonia *Euphonia violacea*. 1 male along main road Jan 10.

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster*. Heard Uaiparú trail Jan 14th.

White-vented Euphonia *Euphonia minuta*. 1 male with an obvious white patch on the belly and yellow forehead with a blue throat in Amaribá trail Jan 12. 1 male in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Plumbeous Euphonia *Euphonia plumbea*. 1 male in Uaiparú road Jan 11. Pair in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Pair in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Pair along Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Burnished-buff Tanager *Tangara cayana*. Tony's garden Jan 10,11,12, 13

Masked Tanager *Tangara nigrocincta*. Dawn song and seen in Uaiparú road Jan 11. Pair in Amaribá trail Jan 12 singing continuously. Common voice, especially at dawn along Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Opal-rumped Tanager *Tangara velia*. 1 in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis*. Group on Jan 10 in main road. Single? on Uaiparú road Jan 11. Group in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Green-and-Gold Tanager *Tangara schrankii*. 2 in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Spotted Tanager *Tangara punctata*. Pair on Uaiparú road Jan 11. 1 in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Yellow-bellied Tanager *Tangara xanthogastra*. Possibly this species. Recorded and confused with Dotted Tanager although the belly seemed too yellow. No marking on chest noticed. Uaiparú road Jan 11. 1 in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana*. 1 Male in Jan 10. Male and female in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Black-faced Dacnis *Dacnis lineata*. 3 in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza*. Male and female Uaiparú road Jan 11. 2 in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Pair in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Short-billed Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes nitidus*. Pair in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus*. Pair in Jan 10. Female in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Various in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Swallow-Tanager *Tersina viridis*. Several groups on Uaiparú road Jan 11. Various in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Cardinalidae

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus*. seen several times Uaiparú road and trail Jan 11. Heard in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Pair in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Seen along Uaiparú road and trail Jan 14th.

Slate-colored Grosbeak *Saltator grossus*. heard twice on Uaiparú road Jan 11. Heard in Amaribá trail Jan 12. Heard at dawn Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Blue-black Grosbeak *Cyanocompsa cyanoides*. Heard twice Uaiparú road Jan 11. One heard in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Emberizidae

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*. several along main road and Uaiparú road Jan 11. 2 in Amaribá trail Jan 12.

Plumbeous Seedeater *Sporophila plumbea*. Various males in savannas near SE Uairén Jan 10.

Yellow-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila nigricollis*. Various individuals along road Jan 10.

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater *Sporophila minuta*. 1 male at Hilda´s peak Jan 12.

Pectoral Sparrow *Arremon taciturnus*. A surprising pair in Uaiparú responding very well after playback of recordings from Rio Grande, but without black chest band or sides, and conspicuous golden on wing. New race?

Grassland Sparrow *Ammodramus humeralis*. Various recordings at dawn on Jan 12 may be this species. Needs confirmation. (Note: Tone Crease have been hearing this voice in Pauji area a week after my departure, also in Sabanas W of StE early am 29 Jan).

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*. Heard on Hilda´s peak trail Jan 12. Pair at Federico's house.

Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch *Emberizoides herbicola*. 1 seen near SE Uairén Jan 10. Heard S of Pauji airstrip Jan 12.

Stripe-tailed Yellow-Finch *Sicalis citrina*. Several seen on route to Hilda´s peak Jan 12.

Icteridae

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivora*. 1 seen singing in Uaiparú road Jan 11. 1 in the mining trail in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Moriche Oriole *Icterus chryscephalus*. 1 in main road Jan 10. Pair in Uaiparú road Jan 12. 1 heard in Amaribá trail Jan 12. One singing at dawn in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela*. Pair nesting with a colony of Crested Oropendola and Olive Oropendola in Uaiparú road Jan 11. Four pairs seen on Jan 14 in the same tree, this time with the previous species plus the Green Oropendola (2 pairs) building their nests.

Red-rumped Cacique *Cacicus haemorrhous*. 2 individuals along main road Jan 10. Large group in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13.

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* Pair nesting. See below. Uaiparú road Jan 11 and 14.

Olive Oropendola *Psarocolius yuracares*. Nesting colony with Icteridae mentioned above. Largest number of nests with this species. Uaiparú road Jan 11 and 14.

Green Oropendola *Psarocolius viridis*. 3+ in Amaribá trail in Independencia valley. 1 in Cinco Ranchos Jan 13. Two pairs starting to build a nest in the Oropendola's tree Uaiparú road Jan 14th.

Fringillidae

Hooded Siskin *Carduelis magellanica*. 6-8 ind in Hilda's peak trail, returning to the vehicle Jan 12.